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Applicant(s): Geoffrey P. Morris et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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For: GLASS MICROSPHERES FOR USE IN FILMS AND PROJECTION SCREEN  
DISPLAYS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the information enclosed herewith is brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Glass microspheres having an Index of Refraction of 1.75 were sold by 3M Company in pavement marking tape more than one year before the filing date of the parent of the present application.

Glass microspheres having an Index of Refraction of 1.8 and a B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content of 3.48% (based on the weight of starting materials) were sampled to a potential customer under a confidentiality agreement within one year prior to the filing date of the parent of the present application. The glass microspheres were evaluated in a film with an opaque matrix for their potential use in rear projection screens.

Glass microspheres having an Index of Refraction of 1.9 and a B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content of 3.06% (based on the weight of starting materials) were sold to a customer more than one year prior to the filing date of the present application. The glass microspheres were evaluated in a film with an opaque matrix for their potential use in rear projection screens.

**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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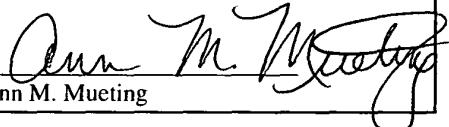
It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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